

The Historie of

Fals. I would it were bed time *Hal*, and all well.

Prim. Why? thou owest God a death.

Fals. 'Tis not due yet, I would be loth to pay him before his day: what need I be so forward with him that calls not on mee? Well, 'tis no matter, Honour pricks me on: yea but how if Honour prick me off when I come on? how then can Honour set to a leg? no, or an arme? no, or take away the griefe of a wound? no, Honour hath no skill in Surgerie then, no: What is Honour? a Word: What is that word Honour? Aire: a trimme reckoning. Who hath it? he that died a Wednesday? Deth he feeles it? no: doth he heare it? no: 'tis insensible then? yea, to the dead: but will it not liue with the liuing? no: why? detraction will not suffer it, therefore Ile none of it, Honour is a meere Skutchion; and so ends my Catechisme.

Exit.

Enter Worcester, and sir Richard Vernon.

Wor. O no, my Nephew must not know, *Sir Richard*, The liberall kind offer of the King.

Ver. 'Twere best he did.

Wor. Then are we all vndone,
It is not possible, it cannot be,
The King would keepe his word in louing vs,
He will suspect vs still, and find a time,
To punish this offence in others faults;
Supposition, all our liues, shall be stucke full of eyes,
For Treason is but trusted like the Foxe,
Who neuer so tame, so cherisht, and lockt vp,
Will haue a wilde trick of his ancesters:
Looke how he can, or sad or merrily:
Interpretation will misquote our lookes,
And we shall feed like Oxen at a stall,
The better cherisht, still the nearer death.
My Nephews trespasse may be well forgot,
It hath the excuse of youth, and heate of blood,
And an adopted name of Priuiledge,
A haire-braind *Hotspur*, gouerned by a spleene,
All his offences liue vpon my head,
And on his Fathers. We did traine him on,
And his corruption being tane from vs.

We

Henry the Fourth.

We as the spring of all, shall pay for all:

Therefore good Coosen, let not *Harry* know

In any case, the offer of the King. *Enter Hotspur.*

Ver. Deliuier what you wil, Ile say tis so. Here comes your Coosen.

Hot. My vnckle is returnd,
Deliuier vp my Lord of Westmerland:
Vnckle, what newes?

Wor. The King will bid you Battell presently.

Dow. Desie him by the Lord of Westmerland.

Hot. Lord *Dowglas*, go you and tell him so.

Dow. Mary and shall, and very willingly. *Exit Dow.*

Wor. There is no seeming mercy in the King.

Hot. Did you beg any? God forbid.

Wor. I told him gently of your grieuances,
Of his Oath-breaking: which he mended thus,
By now forswearing that he is forsworne,
He calls vs Rebels, Traytors, and will scourge
With haughty armes, this hatefull name in vs. *Enter Dow.*

Dow. Arme Gentlemen, to armes, for I haue throwne
A braue Defiance in King *Henries* teeth;
And *Westmerland* that was ingag'd did beare it,
Which cannot chuse but bring him quickly on.

Wor. The *Prince of Wales* stept forth before the King,
And Nephew, challeng'd you to single fight.

Hot. O, would the quarrell lay vpon our heads,
And that no man might draw short breath to day,
But I and *Harry Monmouth*: tell me, tell me,
How shewd his talking? seem'd it in contempt?

Ver. No, by my soule, I neuer in my life
Did heare a Challenge vrg'd more modestly,
Vnlesse a Brother should a Brother dare
To gentle exercise and prooue of armes.
He gaue you all the duties of a man,
Trimd vp your praises with a princely tongue,
Spoke your deseruings like a Chronicle,
Making you euer better then his praise,
By still dispraising prayse, valued with you:
And which became him like a Prince indeed,

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